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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 4 and 5, line 2 of each, cancel "either one of claims 1-3" and insert --claim 1--.

~~Please add the following claims:~~

--8. The method of claim 1 wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol has a molecular weight of about 1,500 to 4,000 and an ethyleneoxide content of about 40 to 80% per molecule.--

--9. The method of claim 8 wher in the glycol is about 10 to 50% by weight of an aqueous solution.--

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